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**TO:** All USAID/West Bank and Gaza Contractors, Grantees and Recipients

**Subject:** Assistance for the Palestinian Authority

On June 23, 2006, USAID West Bank/Gaza issued notice 2006-WBG-21 advising you of a new statutory prohibition on assistance for the Palestinian Authority (Section 550(a) of Public Law 109-102 as amended by Section 1304(a) of Public Law 109-234) and requesting that no funds be expended which could be considered as assistance to the Palestinian Authority until further notice. A subsequent statute (Public Law 109-446) was passed in December of 2006 which prohibited assistance for the Hamas-controlled Palestinian Authority.

This notice is to advise you that the prohibitions on assistance for the Palestinian Authority (PA) set forth in the two statutes referred to above are not currently applicable to the PA. In addition, the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) at the Department of Treasury issued a *General License* on June 20, 2007 that U.S. persons are authorized to engage in all transactions with the PA that are otherwise prohibited by relevant OFAC Sanctions (please see [www.treas.gov/offices/enforcement/ofac/programs/terror/terror.shtml#gls](http://www.treas.gov/offices/enforcement/ofac/programs/terror/terror.shtml#gls) for the link to the General License). As a result, funds may be expended to provide assistance to the PA until further notice, subject to the following qualifications:

1. Any activities with the Palestinian Authority must be permissible under the terms of your awards, including Scopes of Work and Program Descriptions contained therein.
2. The ability to provide assistance to the PA does not preempt compliance with relevant laws, regulations and contractual obligations which remain applicable to your awards.
3. A statute prohibiting assistance to the Palestinian Broadcasting Corporation is still in effect.

To the extent specific provisions of awards need to be addressed to reflect the current situation, the Office of Contracts Management will work with you and the Cognizant Technical Officers to address such provisions.

If there are any questions or concerns related to this notice, including whether any entity is a bona fide part of the PA, please raise such questions or concerns with your CTOs.

Sincerely,

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